

NEWS FROM SUFFOLK AND OTHER PARTS OF VIRGINIA

SUFFOLK.

Lively Discussion Before the Council of the Liquor Traffic.

Franchisers Take an Active Part in the Proceedings—An Ordinance Adopted Compelling all Saloons to Close at 11 p. m.—Robberies in Southampton.

(Special to The Virginian-Pilot.)

Suffolk, Va., March 16.—There was an animated discussion before the Council to-night concerning the regulation of liquor traffic. The question was argued by preachers, by an attorney and by the Councilmen. It was a special meeting, called for the purpose. The Council chamber was crowded, most of the liquor dealers, besides others, being present.

Mayor Brewer asked the clerk to read the ordinances which had been prepared by the Town Attorney and the Committee on Ordinances. It was done.

Mr. Pinner observed that there were citizens present who might have something to say touching the matter, and he moved that courtesies of the floor be extended to such persons on either side. Carried.

Lawyer C. H. Causey stated that he appeared as an attorney for the liquor dealers, for which he had no apologies to offer. He claimed that his clients were the defendants, and that the prosecutors should have the opening and closing.

UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH.

After a short conference among the ministers, Rev. Joseph B. Dunn, pastor of St. Paul's, took the floor. Mr. Dunn stated that he was not familiar with court usages, but was familiar with the English language, and he resented the thought that he and his associates were here as prosecutors.

He said it was only mental sophistry that kept liquor men from viewing the question as they did.

Mr. Dunn argued with eloquence and force in favor of adoption of ordinances. He said he and his associates were not here for compromise; they were advocating a principle, and where principle is involved, compromise is a crime.

The speaker argued that the removal of screens would protect the father from being a spy on the unmanicured child. He did not believe liquor could be legislated out of drunkards; when a man wanted liquor he would get it.

He contended that the connection of billiard rooms and groceries with saloons were traps—not meant as traps, but traps, nevertheless—traps that lured on youths and helped to perpetuate drunkards. He made other points.

REPRESENTATIVE DEALERS.

Mr. Causey said the liquor dealers of Suffolk were as representative and law abiding as any in Virginia.

He said there were State laws by which violators could be punished, and additional restrictions were not needed. The speaker claimed that the liquor dealers in their several businesses paid into the treasury one-ninth of the total license taxes.

Rev. J. F. Love, of the Baptist Church, made a statement and plea for the adoption of the ordinances as presented, and cited incidents to prove the equity of what was asked, which he thought was modest and reasonable.

RESTRICTIONS ADOPTED.

After numerous motions, amendments and substitutes an ordinance was adopted requiring all saloons to be closed during the hours of 11 p. m. and 5 a. m., the penalty for violation being not less than \$10, nor more than \$25. Another ordinance was adopted requiring all screens, paint and curtains that obstruct public view of saloons to be removed, the penalty for violation being \$5 to \$20. The ordinances are effective beginning May 1. Mr. Pinner led the fight for the ordinances. Ordinances requiring the separation of groceries and billiard rooms from saloons were defeated.

THE SOUTHAMPTON GANG.

There have been altogether four stores in Southampton county which have been marauded by a gang of highwaymen and burglars, two of whose jobs were told about in this paper. Their favorite method of operation is to enter a small store when no one is in and "hold up" the salesmen at a gun's point while confederates loot the premises. So far the constabulary has not run down any of the robbers.

YOUNG WOMEN READERS.

The Friday Afternoon Reading Club met to-day at Miss Florrie Lyons. The readers were Mrs. C. J. Haddock and Miss Mae Skiles, and the author discussed Sydney Lanier. The club will meet next week with Miss Skiles.

BROKE A RIB.

Erasmus Vick fell out of his cart while driving in Southampton county, near Courtland, recently, and a wheel passed over the body, breaking a rib. Dr. J. Emmet Seabell attended him.

NOTES.

Spencer Carr, of the county, killed a hog the other day that weighed 552 pounds net.

Mr. C. R. Walsh, of Petersburg, is in Suffolk.

One of the King's Daughters' circles met this afternoon with Miss Lillie Jones, at Bank and Grace streets.

Sunday morning Rev. John Stanly Thomas, at the Presbyterian Church, will preach on "The Higher Life," a sermon on progressive sanctification, Evening topic, "Our Human Brotherhood."

Mr. C. E. Hargrave, who has been ill with pneumonia several days, was better to-night.

Mrs. E. F. Nottingham and family, of Eastville, Va., registered at the Commercial to-day. They will locate in Suffolk. Mr. Nottingham expects to engage in the lumber business.

Mr. Thomas Wagner, of Liver, Va., visited Suffolk friends last night.

Mrs. R. L. Brewer, Jr., has returned from Isle of Wight, where she visited her mother, Mrs. Vellines.

SUFFOLK ADVERTISEMENTS.

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PETERSBURG.

T. P. A. ELECTS OFFICERS—PAS-TOR'S GOOD WORK.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Petersburg, Va., March 16.—Post "C," Travelers' Protective Association, of this city, at its annual meeting elected officers, board of directors and chairmen of the various committees to serve for the ensuing year and delegates to the State Convention, which will be held in Richmond the 21st of April next. The officers elected are: T. S. Beckwith, president; F. M. D'Alton, vice-president; R. W. Prichard, secretary and treasurer.

Board of Directors—R. E. Lunsford, L. P. Robertson, C. C. Alley, J. C. Robinson and Paul Roper. Delegates to State Convention—T. S. Beckwith, James Weddill and R. W. Prichard.

Naomi Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will have a banquet next Thursday night.

To-morrow is St. Patrick's Day, but there will be no formal observance of the day in Petersburg.

Rev. J. Preston Lewis, who recently accepted a call to the pastorate of Park View Church of Christ in this city, is making a most faithful and zealous pastor. For the past week or two he has been holding a series of meetings, which have been largely attended.

Rev. Mr. Lewis has gotten the State Board of the Christian Missionary Society of Richmond interested in his church work. The membership of Park View Church is not large.

Messrs. John Hargrave and George W. Barner, Commissioners of Revenue of Dinwiddie county, were in the city to-day on business.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

CHEERFULNESS AND STRENGTH OF VALUES APPARENTLY UNABATED.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) New York, March 16.—Bradstreet to-morrow will say:

Trade advices are as a whole cheerful and the strength of values is apparently unabated, though some soft spots still present themselves. A prominent feature this week has been the increase in strength of values of farm products, nearly all the cereals, pork products and cotton advancing, while materials for manufacture and the products thereof have generally remained steady or unchanged.

The government report on the quantity of corn in farmers' hands showed a smaller than expected supply, and quite an outbreak of speculative interest occurred, sympathized in by wheat, and both cereals reached the highest point touched on the crop of 1899. Liquidation in advance brought about some reaction in prices, growing wheat crop advices proving rather depressing as a whole, and the statistical position remaining as bearish as pointed out in these columns last week. The close finds quotations above those of a week ago. It seems evident that the weather and the growing crops will constitute price-making features for some time to come.

The cotton goods market has strengthened and a number of advances are reported this week, but except at Western distributing centres, the business done has been rather smaller than for some time past. There is a tendency to believe that the high point has been touched, and until retailers have disposed of some of their supplies the outlook is for continued quiet at second hand.

Wool is fairly steady, but manufacturers are out of the market and concessions can be obtained, though London advices are better.

Manufacturers of shoes are busy, and weather conditions have rather favored the retailer by enabling him to dispose of some carried-over stocks.

Copper has been stronger in tone. Lead, after a break, due to enlarged receipts, is firm, but slightly lower than a week ago.

Anthracite coal is lower, in keeping with the advanced stage of the season, while bituminous grades are firm. Though quiet, the iron and steel situation has developed a rather more confident tone. Less is heard about shaded quotations, though, on the other hand, the volume of new business has not been very large. Some low grade pig iron has been moved at concessions.

By the taking of orders for Bessemer pig at Pittsburgh this week, the entire production for the first half of the year in that district has been placed. Southern iron advices are of steady prices and of rather more inquiry on export account. Except immediately in Chicago, where the idleness of many thousands of men has made for dullness in the machinery and kindred trades, the Western iron situation seems strong one. Reports of coming activity in railroad building multiply, but it is possible that a false construction may be put upon the reports that 50,000 miles of new road are projected. The mileage ever built was in 1887, when less than 3,000 miles were constructed, and it is, of course, safe to say that nothing like as large a total will be built this year as is reported, more particularly as new railroad building will be largely a matter of extensions of existing lines rather than the building of new roads. Structural material is in better request and some very large contracts will shortly be placed.

Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week aggregate 2,737,450 bushels, against 4,208,758 bushels last week, 4,114,046 bushels in the corresponding week of 1899; 3,679,056 in 1898; 1,629,431 in 1897, and 1,692,123 in 1896. Since July 1 this season the exports of wheat aggregate 141,306,839 bushels against 177,225,741 last year and 172,620,579 in 1897-'98.

Corn exports for the week aggregate 3,729,291 bushels, against 2,187,821 last week, 4,211,326 in this week a year ago, 3,941,874 in 1898; 5,939,318 in 1897, and 1,802,934 in 1896.

Since July 1 this season corn exports aggregate 149,444,129 bushels, against 121,453,953 bushels the same period a year ago and 126,537,660 in 1897-'98.

Business failures in the United States for the week number 190, as compared with 189 last week, 205 in this week a year ago; 233 in 1898; 231 in 1897, and 300 in 1896.

Business failures in the Dominion of Canada for the week number 28, as compared with 33 last week, 21 in this week a year ago; 23 in 1898; 36 in 1897, and 46 in 1896.

In 1898 Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER said of

BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCKES

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box.

TO RAISE \$1,000,000

The National Boer Relief Fund Association

Formed to Concentrate the Efforts of Boer Sympathizers in this Country—Hon. W. Bourke Cockran Chosen Chairman.

There can be no possible doubt that the great mass of the American people are in sympathy with the brave Boers in their struggle against overwhelming odds in the present war in South Africa. Every lover of liberty in the United States certainly experiences a thrill of enthusiasm when the press announces a Boer victory and a corresponding pang of regret is felt at each success of British arms.

Geo. W. Van Sicten, of New York City, as long ago as last October appreciated this national sentiment, and recently upon the desire and wish of Dr. J. W. Leyds, who is European Envoy and representative of the Republic of South Africa, Dr. Hendric Muller, the Envoy Extraordinary of the Orange Free State to the Netherlands, and Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, President of the Afrikaner Bond and former Premier of Cape Colony, urging that an Association be formed as a central body with which and through which all smaller organizations through the country could co-operate, set to work. The result is that the National Boer Relief Fund Association, having offices in the St. James Building, Broadway and 26th Street, was organized.

Dr. Leyds, Dr. Muller and Mr. Hofmeyr have assured Mr. Van Sicten, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, that ample funds have already been secured for Red Cross societies and no further aid in that direction is necessary. These gentlemen lay particular stress upon the point that the main object to be obtained is the help of ambulance corps, worthy South African medical students and doctors sent from Edinburgh as so many ambulance parties had already arrived from Europe and elsewhere. Whatever the final result of the war may be, thousands of poor widows and orphans will be left in a state of destitution. Hundreds of thousands of dollars will be required to render them some effective aid, but when the stirring events of the war are over the lot of these poor, sorrowing ones will not appeal to the public imagination, and unless the public purse strings be untied now they will be left to starve.

In the formation of the National Boer Relief Fund Association the point of the greatest significance was the selection of a representative Chairman. After scanning the names of men most prominent in every walk of life in all sections of the country, the Honorable W. Bourke Cockran was unanimously chosen as the one best fitted, in point of sympathy, influence and national fame, to occupy this position. When Mr. Cockran was notified of his selection, he readily accepted, and, as proof of the earnestness of his sympathies for the heroic Boers, sent to the treasurer his check for \$500, to be devoted to the work and fund of the National Boer Relief Fund Association.

George W. Van Sicten, the father of the Association, was chosen the Secretary-Treasurer, Alfred Chasseaud, General Manager, and the work of raising funds for the widows and orphans of the Boers was immediately inaugurated. The Secretary-Treasurer is convinced that before the Anglo-Boer war is terminated, the National Boer Relief Fund Association will have raised a million dollars to forward to South Africa.

Thus the National Relief Fund Association has become the main channel through which all funds intended for the Boer sufferers shall pass to its proper destination in South Africa. A Woman's Auxiliary League is being established to aid in the work of the association, and in every part of the country who are desirous of taking an active part in raising funds through subscription lists, fairs, amateur theatrical entertainments, placing donation boxes in available places, or in any other way will confer a favor on the association by sending in their names and purposes to the general manager. They will receive due authority, and arrangements will be made to give every donor or subscriber an official souvenir receipt.

The names of the general committee, which are appended, are sufficient guarantee of the national scope and thorough responsibility of the organization. This is the General Committee up to date:

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THE PAPER TRUST.

The Action of the Virginia Press Association.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Virginia Press Association, held in the city of Richmond, on the 6th instant, the secretary was instructed to prepare the following paper and furnish a copy to each of Virginia's Senators and Representatives in Congress:

The Virginia Press Association, speaking through its Executive Committee, respectfully asks your aid and co-operation in the enactment of such laws as will regulate and restrain the trusts of the country, and especially the International Paper Trust, in their exactions and extortions upon consumers. There is no reasonable doubt of the fact that the International Paper Trust was organized for the deliberate purpose of restricting production and advancing prices. Pretending that the object was to lower the cost of production for the benefit of consumers, that combination surreptitiously set to work cornering the most available and the sources of supply of its raw materials and water power in this country—not for present use, but to crush competition. That trust "owns or controls nearly or quite all the spruce timber for making wood pulp in New England, amounting to about one million acres of woodland, and mills not embraced in the trust are completely at its mercy. Prices to consumers have been advanced from 60 to 90 per cent. on the false and specious plea that there was a natural and unavoidable scarcity of paper resulting from the inability to run last summer in consequence of the drought. Now, it is a fact that we have often had droughts of as great, or greater, duration than that of last summer, and no paper famine resulted. In this instance it is peculiarly significant that the paper famine occurs contemporaneously with the organization of the trust, and it is still more significant that it occurs at a time when, as we are reliably informed, the International Paper Trust is manufacturing weekly by one thousand tons of newspaper to be exported and sold in the markets of Europe in competition with the prices there, which are much lower than they are here. The capitalization of this trust is many times in excess of its real value, and the publishers of the country will be taxed to pay dividends on this enormous valuation. We believe that the removal of the present duty on paper and wood pulp would in some measure afford relief to your constituents and petitioners who are engaged in newspaper work, and to the accomplishment of that and other legislation to regulate and control monopolies and trusts we respectfully ask your influence and support. We are grateful to know that the movement against the International Paper Trust is not confined to any party or section, but is supported by the newspapers of all parties and sections.

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